

BURIEN BUSINESS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BEDP)
MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 16, 2007

Time: 7-8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Harvey Aulgur, Mary Averett, Nancy Damon, David Elliott, Bob Ewing, Kevin Fitz, Michael Goldsmith, Doug Moreland

Excused Absentees: Geri Fain, Karen Lautermilch, Mark Minium, Jane Voget

Absent: Rick Cosgrave, Jim Hughes

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant, City Manager's Office

Guests: Patty Sader, Interim Executive Director, Discover Burien; Stewart Low, commercial property owner; Mayor Joan McGilton, Kathy Keene, Burien business owner

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by Kevin Fitz

Minutes: The Minutes from October 26 and November 2 were approved as written.

Chair's Report – Kevin Fitz

No report from Kevin. Kevin congratulated Kathy Keene on her recent election victory.

City Manager's Report – Mike Martin

Mike reported on the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Lora Lake Apartments. While nobody wanted the apartments to remain, we are pleased that we were able to get some benefit for Burien, since we did not have any leverage.

Dick and I met w/Urban Partners yesterday. They are pleased with how Town Square is progressing; they are ahead of schedule, and happy with how construction is proceeding.

Economic Development Manager Report – Dick Loman

Wednesday the City hosted the kick-off meeting of economic cluster group. Dick gave an overview of the attendees and of the meeting. We've had good comments from the meeting. We will be giving the same information to this group at the next meeting.

Discover Burien Report – Doug Moreland/Patty Sader

Patty Sader reported that Discover Burien has been helping out Hospitality House and also with preparation for the Empty Bowls event. Town Square will have a giving tree for Hospitality House. A member from Discover Burien is going to cook Thanksgiving dinner and deliver it to Hospitality House. Hospitality House had food, but nowhere to cook it. Discover Burien has been coordinating collection of items for the Empty Bowls event, which will happen in January.

Discover Burien will also be giving out about 40 “welcome wagon bags” to new businesses. DB will then follow-up with the businesses in 30-60 days to make sure they are getting all the information they need to be successful, etc.

Discover Burien is in contract renewal discussions with the City of Burien. It is planning to expand the scope of Clean Sweep.

Retreat Discussion

Six members are absent today. Mike feels it is important to have everybody present to move forward with this process. It was decided that the process would continue at the first meeting in January (the 11th). It will be important that all members attend this meeting.

Future Agenda

December 7 – Dick will make the same presentation he made at the initial cluster group meeting.
January 11 –Continue retreat work.

Round the Table

Doug Moreland – There seems to be a much better and healthier relationship between Discover Burien and the City. Discover Burien is still remaking itself, but is a much stronger organization.

Nancy Damon – The Daily Perk sold; Sheryl Cehovet resigned from the DB Steering Committee

Joan McGilton – One of Mayor Nickels four legislative agenda items is procuring money to make Seattle whole for annexation; therefore, I expect a full court press in Olympia.

Kathy Keene noted that there are two new members on the Seattle City Council who are not necessarily pro-annexation.

Dave Elliott – Can we get an update on Town Square – number of units sold, and the number of retail tenants at next meeting.

Mike Martin: It is worth it for this group to note that as we are advancing our community center, fire district 2 is talking about a bond issue with rebuilding their station, and putting a station in the north to replace those stations.

Can we have access to the study done in SeaTac regarding annexation? Yes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 a.m.